

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION X

1200 SIXTH AVENUE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101



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APR 11 1984

Dear Sir or Madam:

You have previously been notified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that you and other responsible parties are potentially liable for all costs of removal and remedial actions and response costs related to the Western Processing Company Inc. (Western Processing) site in Kent, Washington.

EPA and the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) have determined that certain corrective steps should be taken at the Western Processing site as soon as possible. These include clearing and removing all materials, including hazardous substances, from the surface of the Western Processing site, and implementing storm water control measures. These steps are considered to be necessary to limit exposure or threat of exposure to a significant environmental hazard, and are consistent with the National Contingency Plan. EPA and DOE will complete a detailed materials inventory and feasibility study by the end of May, 1984. Work must begin in early summer for this removal with construction to be completed prior to the fall.

The work which must be done this summer, and the negotiations deadline described below, address only these limited surface clean-up and containment activities at the Western Processing site. Additional negotiations will be necessary to address the full scope of remedial actions needed at the site.

The Governments prefer that this work be done by the potentially responsible parties, rather than by Federal and State contractors. Towards this end, the Government would like to begin negotiations with you and other potentially responsible parties as soon as possible. Negotiations must be completed, and formal agreement reached no later than June 18, 1984 if you and the other potentially responsible parties wish to undertake this work.

If agreement is not reached by June 18, 1984, or if negotiations do not seem fruitful during the period prior to that date, the Government will spend public, and therefore cost-recoverable, funds to accomplish the necessary work.

In the absence of a fully representative negotiating committee, we are notifying each potentially responsible party. We encourage the potentially responsible parties to promptly form a committee so that negotiations on these important matters can begin.

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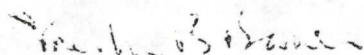
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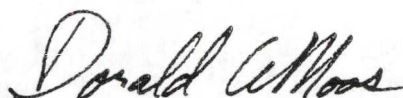
Please contact Jackson L. Fox, Assistant U.S. Attorney and the governments' lead negotiator, if you have any questions. He can be reached at (206) 442-5198, or 3600 Seafirst Fifth Avenue Plaza, 800 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98104.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Ernesta B. Barnes
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Donald W. Moos
Director
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Ecology

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